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HARBOR MASTERS AND PORT CAPTAINS

July 7, 2008

Marine Life Protection Act Initiative c/o California Resources Agency 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311 Sacramento, CA. 95814 Attention: Melissa Miller-Hensen

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF HARBOR MASTERS AND PORT CAPTAINS NOMINATION TO THE SOUTH COAST REGIONAL STAKEHOLDERS **GROUP**

Dear Ms#Miller-Hensen:

The California Association of Harbor Masters and Port Captains wishes to nominate Mick Kronman, to the South Coast Regional Stakeholders Group.

Mick was raised in Santa Monica, spending his free time fishing, snorkeling and surfing. Mick attended UC Santa Barbara, earning a Bachelors Degree in Political Science, before taking to the sea for a living. He worked several years--first as a deckhand, later as a licensed captain, on passenger-carrying dive and fishing vessels that operated out of Santa Barbara, Ventura and Channel Islands Harbor. Following this experience, he bought a 32' wooden fishing boat, which he used for 10 years, catching rockfish, swordfish and albacore. This activity took him from Mexico to San Francisco in pursuit of these species.

Following his fishing career, Mick took up a career in journalism, writing over 1,500 articles for some 35 publications over 18 years, including National Fisherman Magazine, for which he served as Pacific Bureau Chief during the 1990s. During this time, he earned two national literary awards for his work at two different magazines; one marine-related and one non-marine related. While working as a journalist, he also began a consulting business, with an emphasis on maritime policy and regulatory affairs.

In 1998, Mick was appointed to Santa Barbara City's Harbor Commission, and was appointed chair the following year. He was serving in that (voluntary) capacity in late 1999, when the position of Harbor Operations Manager for Santa Barbara City's Waterfront Department became available. Mick was appointed to that position in May 2000 and continues to enjoy his work in this capacity.

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Mick's interest and knowledge of marine affairs in Southern California, coupled with his communication skills and knowledge of regulatory process, make him an ideal candidate for the MLPA Stakeholders Group.

In addition, I would like to be named as Mick's alternate to the Stakeholders Group. I have worked in the local maritime industry for the past 30 years. Beginning in 1979, I was in the United States Navy, responsible for transporting military supplies and personnel to the Channel Islands on a weekly basis. After being Honorably Discharged, I began working at CISCO'S Sport Fishing in Channel Islands Harbor. During this period I crewed and operated on the Sport Fishing Vessel, China Clipper, daily on fishing trips along coastal areas and the adjacent Channel Islands. This allowed me to gain knowledge of local fishing areas as well as the existing Marine Protected Areas that were in place at that time.

I started working for the County of Ventura Harbor Department as a Harbor Patrol Officer in 1983. I was promoted to Harbor Patrol Captain in 1988 and then to Harbor Master in 1997. Since that time I have gained extensive knowledge in Harbor Operations. I held the Alternate seat on the Channel Islands Sanctuary Advisory Council for the County of Ventura for approximately 5 years. During that time I was involved in the review of the existing management plan and provided input into the updated plan.

As part of my responsibilities as the Harbor Master for Channel Islands Harbor, I work closely with the representatives of the United States Army Corps of Engineers on local dredging issues, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Services on endangered species habitat and wildlife protection issues, and the California Department of Fish and Game on local regulations and enforcement.

I believe my experience in the Channel Islands Sanctuary Advisory Council and ability to connect with local user groups will be very helpful in the process. If selected I look forward to working with the group to obtain a consensus on the recommendations that will be submitted to the Blue Ribbon Task Force.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. If you need any additional information, I can be reached at 805-382-6864

Sincerely, Jack Seveler

Jack L. Peveler, President

California Association of Harbor Masters and Port Captains